

AMOS H. GOODNOW.

JUNE 7, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2960.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2960) granting a pension to Amos H. Goodnow, have examined the same and report:

The records of the War Department show that this soldier was mustered into service as a private in Company C, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, and that he was wounded in battle. Certificate of disability for discharge, May 24, 1865, reports: "Wounded in action at battle of Resaca, Ga., resulting in amputation of leg." The surgeon reports: "Loss of right leg by amputation at middle third from gunshot wound received at battle of Resaca, Ga., May 13, 1864. Disability total."

He was pensioned at \$8 per month from May 24, 1865; increased to \$15 from June 6, 1866; to \$18 from June 4, 1872; to \$24 from March 3, 1883, and to \$30 from August 4, 1886.

August 30, 1890, he applied for increase. The medical referee refused to order an examination, on the ground that the evidence showed that soldier could and did wear an artificial limb. An examination was considered unnecessary, as it would not alter the status of the case.

After rejection of this claim an appeal was taken to the Secretary of the Interior, who affirmed the action of rejection, holding that it was shown by the evidence that the leg was not totally disabled, and hence he was receiving all the pension to which he was entitled. No effort has been made to secure increase at the Pension Office since rejection in 1891.

Evidence on file with the committee shows that claimant suffers constant pain in the limb, and that he can not wear the artificial limb furnished by the Government, but uses one of his own make.

Your committee are of opinion that this is a case where some degree of relief should be accorded by Congress, and accordingly recommend the passage of the bill after being amended as follows:

In lines 4 and 5 strike out the words "at the rate of fifty dollars per month," and substitute the words "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws."

Add to the bill the words "and pay him a pension at the rate of forty dollars per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Amos H. Goodnow."